

REMARKS

Claims 1, 17, 20 and 22 have been amended, and claims 16, 18, 19, 21, 23 and 24 have been canceled. Claims 1-15, 17, 20 and 22 are presented for further examination.

The objection to claims 16-24 is believed overcome by the amendments to claims 1, 17, 20 and 22 and the cancellation of claims 16, 18, 19, 21, 23 and 24.

The amendments to claim 1 also make it clear that the claimed salts are formed with physiologically acceptable acids. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

The rejections of various claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 over Bender et al., U.S. 5,317,019; Press, U.S. 4,791,117; or Tenbrink, WO 96/25414 are believed obviated by the amendment of claim 1 to recite treatment of the specific conditions of claims 17, 20 and 22, which were not rejected over any of the cited prior art. The cited references do not disclose or suggest that the claimed compounds of formula I are suitable for treating the claimed conditions. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt, favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

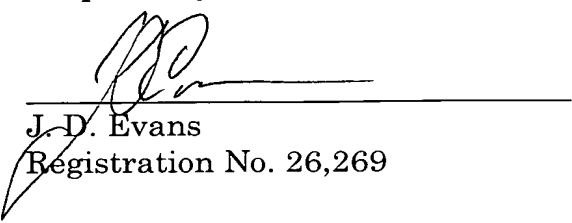
If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
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Respectfully submitted,

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